

## Nicolas John Hannegraf

Nicolas Hannegraf was born on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 1895, in West Saint Paul, Minnesota, to Nicolas and Hellen Hannegraf. Nicolas and Hellen immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1881 and 1880, respectively. Nicolas was the third of four children. His two older siblings were Peter and Margaret. His younger brother was named Michael. When he was 15 years old, he worked as an errand boy for a local office. Prior to joining the military, he was working as a tanner.

Nicolas registered for the draft on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917, at the age of 21. He enlisted into the Army on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918, at the age of 22, and served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Company, 161<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade. There is no record of where he served or if we went overseas or not. Nicolas was discharged from the Army on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

After his military service, he returned to his parent's home in West Saint Paul. The 1920 Census recorded his last name incorrectly documented. He was working as a tanner in a tannery after the war. Soon after, he married Agnes E. Bunch, and they had three children together: Marian, Peter, and Martin. He also owned a nightclub in West Saint Paul during prohibition, which is why he is listed as the owner of a barbershop on the 1930 US Census. Nicolas died on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1934, at the age of 39 in Hennepin County. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Saint Paul, Minnesota.